

State/Territory: NORTH DAKOTA

STANDARDS FOR THE COVERAGE OF ORGAN TRANSPLANT SERVICES

1. Pre-authorization by medical consultant is required on a case by case basis.
2. Procedure must be medically necessary and not specified as experimental by the National Institute of Health.
3. Procedure will not be approved if a determination is made by medical consultant that a less costly procedure carrying less risk will achieve the same result.
4. Procedure must anticipate prolonging life, improving quality of life, and be ethically and legally acceptable.
5. Procedure must be recommended by qualified (Board Certified) specialists in their practice area with documented evidence of extensive contacts and provisional acceptance by a medical center qualified to provide the care required as determined by Medicaid agency. Medical consultant may consult with medical center (potential referral source) and nationally recognized experts in the field involved in making the determination.
6. Payment for certain organ transplant services will be restricted to specific transplant centers that have been identified as having met special Health Care Financing Administration criteria and have been approved for Medicare program participation relative to certain procedures.

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